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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady in the West, steady to firm in all other areas. Retail demand was light to moderate, instances good where feature activity was brisk. Food service demand covered the full range with strongest movement going into fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were balanced to well cleared, often tight for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were short of active calls and continued to move at premium levels. Breast items and dark meat was mixed with bone-in breasts and leg quarters in the closest balances; the remaining parts were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged 69.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 62.25 cents last year on January 8, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	199.50
BREASTS - B/S	167.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.00
LEG QUARTERS	31.00
WINGS	107.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was light to moderate, best where ads were in progress. Food service was fair to fairly good with best interest going into fast food for promotions. Supplies were in balance to well cleared with some premiums noted. In the parts structure, wings continued tight with strong demand, and breast items were mixed, but in a better balance. Dark meat was also in a better position with leg quarters closest and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged moderate to good. Offerings of all sizes were well balanced to closely cleared and commanding premiums. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items were well balance to tight with bone-in breasts held with increased confidence. Wings were tight. The balance of items was generally sufficient.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady, undertone firm. Buyer interest improved over previous trading period, fair to fairly good on generally light offerings. Chicago noted fill in trade on 3 up wog's at 58 cents. Retail movement was fair to occasionally good with features clearing best. Retail features noted on whole fryers at \$1.19, 69 and 44 cents; boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.99, \$1.97 and \$1.79; drums and thighs at 99, 97, 89 cents, thighs at 59 cents; several advisements listed BOGO's. Food service demand was mixed, light to moderate, instances good into a few fast food outlets. Floor stocks remained in a full range. Weights were mostly desirable. Parts trade was active on wings, whole breasts and leg quarters, light to fair on remaining items. Supplies of wings were in close balance to short, remaining cuts were well cleared. The market tone was firm on wings, steady to firm on leg quarters and steady on the balance.

WESTERN The market tone was steady with early trading for next week at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings in good balance. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate. Wings firm, other parts generally steady.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 01/03/04	2004	2003
EGGS SET	206,254	204,119
CHICKS PLACED	167,988	164,413
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		+01
		+02

Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 3, 2003. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier. Broiler

Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 3, 2003. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 13-Feb-04 is estimated at 154.6 million head. This compares to 155.6 million head the previous week and to 153.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 60.86 cents per pound.

JAN 06

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 07

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	892	134.00-223.00	135-139	136.57
TENDERLOINS	241	140.00-216.00	140-147	149.85
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	82.00-93.00	84-86	84.33
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	104	35.00-50.00	36-37	37.84
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	570	25.00-29.00	25-26	25.67
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,085	29.00-33.00	29-31	30.06
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	103.00-107.00	106-107	105.51
WINGS (CUT)	353	114.00-123.00	115-117	116.65
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
 JAN 06, 2004 -- FOB DOCK

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	882	134.00-223.00	135-139	137.28
TENDERLOINS	231	140.00-216.00	140-147	149.97
BREAST - LINE RUN	71	82.00-93.00	83-84	84.85
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	37.00-50.00	-	38.31
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	372	25.00-30.00	25-26	25.48
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,032	29.00-32.00	-	30.29
WINGS (WHOLE)	332	105.00-108.00	106-108	107.23
WINGS (CUT)	543	114.00-125.00	119-122	119.81
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	95	90.00-101.00	-	93.58

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
 JAN 07, 2004 -- FOB DOCK

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE

51.00 - 56.00

52.49

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE

50.50 - 57.50

53.61

52.96

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to mostly moderate. Offerings of breast items were noted as in better balance and were sufficient for current trade needs. Legs and leg quarters were adequate. Wings were in good balance to tight and commanding premiums. The market tone was firm on wings, generally steady to at least steady on breast items, mostly steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

JAN 06

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	146.39	752,191
TENDERLOINS	145	143.24	246,700
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	77.64	182,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	75.77	103,120
LEGS	38-39	36.65	446,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.54	581,350
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	38.89	214,690
THIGHS	35-36	40.03	111,200
B/S THIGHS	85-86	84.88	58,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	104.49	185,070
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.22	27,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	33.15	21,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	68.83	30,920

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

JAN 07

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	145.67	805,191
TENDERLOINS	145	145.68	133,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	82.33	133,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	75.16	135,360
LEGS	38-39	38.01	418,242
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.84	443,351
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	38.07	243,040
THIGHS	35-36	40.90	98,160
B/S THIGHS	85-86	90.83	90,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	101-102	107.09	207,270
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.95	40,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	33.91	16,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	69.75	28,040

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/07	01/06	01/05	01/02	01/05
ALA	3,922	3,975	3,756	4,708	5.47
ARK	5,407	5,445	5,351	6,850	5.24
DELMARVA	2,261	2,274	2,279	3,442	5.59
KY-LA-TN	2,003	1,984	2,026	2,156	5.04
MISS	3,109	3,061	3,079	3,988	5.47
NC	2,462	2,484	2,416	3,265	6.42
TEXAS	2,327	2,495	2,453	2,341	4.65
TOTAL	21,491	21,718	21,360	26,750	5.40
MON-WED	64,900(A)				5.36
					18,727
					5.40
					61,819(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 7-Jan is estimated to be 32,153,000 up 14.4 percent from a week ago and up 8.6 percent from a year ago. (Last week 28,102,000; last year 29,610,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY.

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	81-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	60-63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	101-103
	ICE PACK	99-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	105
	ICE PACK	89-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	89
DUCKS		152-175

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-JAN-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/10/04 (1)	01/03/04
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	156,475 (2)	133,187
LT HENS	1,310	1,143
HVY HENS	1,482	930
CHECK TOTAL	159,267	135,260

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Jan-04 is 151.1 million head compared to 154.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.8 million head or 5.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 17-Jan-04 the estimated available is 156.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 01/01/04	119,108	43,610
AM 12/01/03	110,555	45,473
CHG	8,553	-1,863
PCT CHG	8	-4

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/05/04	12/29/03	01/06/03	01/05/04	12/29/03	01/06/02
PACIFIC						
COAST	6,241	8,468	7,801	4,985	3,518	5,295
LOS ANGELES	417	396	1,363	2,914	1,684	3,734

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2004

HENS	RANGE	
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-65
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	66-76

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 01/06/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	1.30	.61	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.35	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.45	1.40	.72	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	2.25	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.25	4.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.60	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	1.25	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	1.15	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	3.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.40	1.07	ROOSTERS ea.	3.50	6.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.20	1.40	1.15	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.25	1.20	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	4.00	7.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.75	5.75	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	79						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 2, 2004

	<u>Whole</u> <u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>Legs</u> <u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u> <u>& Wings</u>	<u>Livers/</u> <u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	52.41	114.65	73.70	8.19	12.28	51.18
High	54.46	122.84	81.89	16.38	16.38	51.18
Mostly	53.23	122.84	81.89	12.28	16.38	51.18

SAN JUAN

Low	52.00	114.65	73.70	8.19	12.28	49.14
High	54.05	122.84	81.89	16.38	16.38	49.14
Mostly	53.23	114.65	73.70	8.19	12.28	49.14

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	52.00	114.65	73.70	8.19	12.28	51.18
High	54.05	122.84	81.89	16.38	16.38	51.18
Mostly	53.23	114.65	73.70	12.28	16.38	51.18

BECERRA

Low	52.41	114.65	73.70	8.19	12.28	51.18
High	54.46	122.84	81.89	16.38	16.38	51.18
Mostly	53.23	122.84	81.89	16.38	16.38	51.18

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained good and continued to keep offerings well balanced to closely cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 66 to 76 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings remained tight to short of inquiry. Boneless/skinless breasts were generally well balanced. Supplies of bone-in breasts were tight. Leg quarters were in fairly good balance. Drums were adequate to closely cleared. Thighs were fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED	
	U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	61-79	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	68.08	
NO. OF BOXES	9,201	

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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